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Bride spent night in jail

HOUSTON A woman who claims she was humiliated on her wedding night because she had to spend it in jail in her wedding gown has filed a complaint with Texas authorities.

Jade Puckett, 26, filed the complaint midweek over a picture taken while she was in a courtroom in her wedding dress.

She and Billy Puckett, also 26, were arrested following their March 14 reception as part of a sweep targeting drunk drivers.

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Earth **Hour**

Earth Hour is Saturday, March 28, at 8:30 p.m. Do your part to fight global warming by switching off your lights for an hour. Pick up Metro every day for environmentally-friendly coverage all week.

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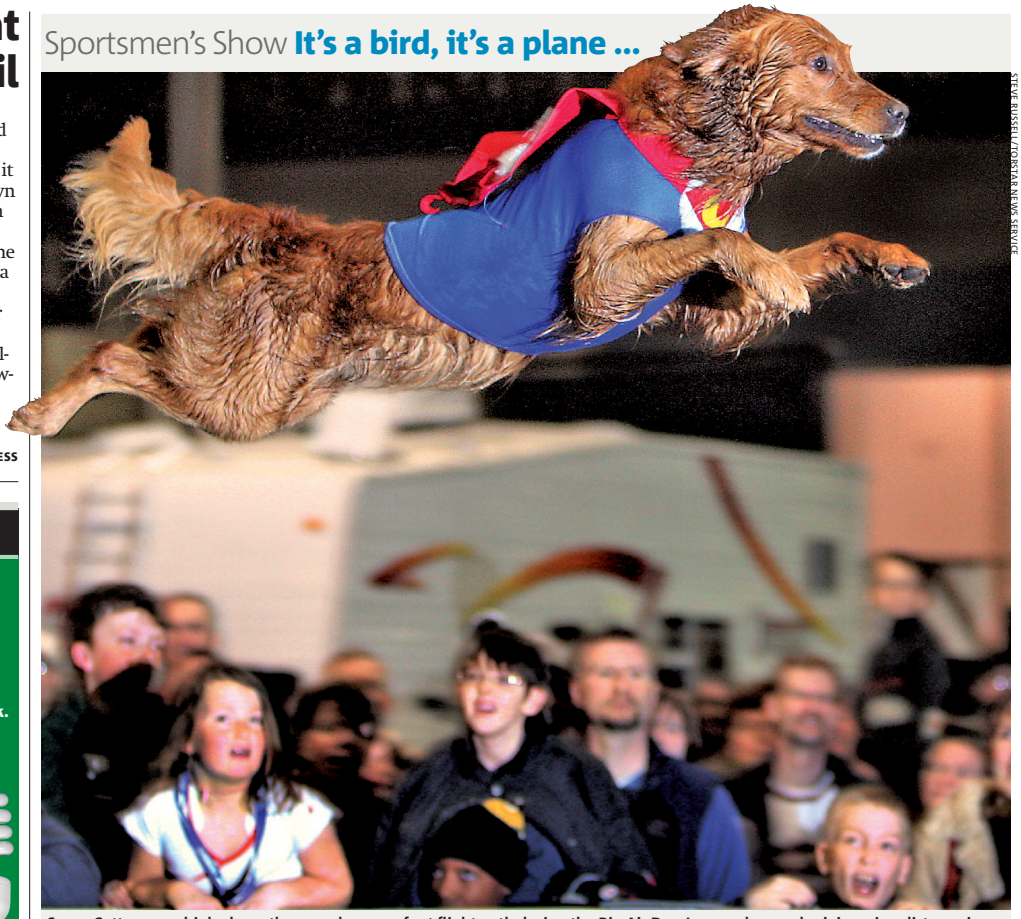

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Super Cutter soars high above the crowd on a 24-foot flight path during the Big Air Dog Jump, where a dog's jumping distance is measured after a 40-foot takeoff from the end of a dock into a pool as part of the Purina All-Star Dog Show. Other events the dogs competed in at the Toronto Sportsmen's Show were the agility and speed relays.

Higher ed sinking

Study says university students getting shortchanged

Students at Ontario's universities are getting shortchanged when it comes to their education as their schools struggle with larger class sizes, outdated facilities and less full-time hiring, according to a new report.

A survey of faculty and academic librarians to be released today finds a significant degree of concern the quality of higher education in the province has fallen over the past three years.

In all, just less than 40 per cent of those asked felt quality had declined, while only eight per cent saw an improvement.

"They're struggling to deliver a meaningful education to increasingly large classes."
Prof. Brian E. Brown

"They're struggling to deliver a meaningful education to increasingly large classes," said Prof. Brian E. Brown, president of the Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations.

Almost 2,000 faculty members and academic librarians at 22 universities across the province responded to the association's questionnaire between Feb. 16 and March 13.

More than 60 per cent said class sizes increased over the past three years, while 22 per cent said full-time faculty who left their posts were not replaced.

Brown blamed "chronic underfunding" for the situation, saying the results suggest the Ontario government's Reaching Higher plan put in place in 2005 has failed to deliver quality improvements.

That plan, which the government called the "largest multi-year investment in 40 years" in higher education, promised an additional $6.2 billion over five years — a 39 per cent increase from 2004.

Currently, the province spends about $6 billion per year on post-secondary education and training.

Nevertheless, the association is urging the Liberal government to spend another $1.5 billion in the coming year on higher education when it delivers its budget Thursday.

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Feds are taking it online

GOODS Move over, EBay — the federal government wants a piece of the online auction pie.

Public Works officials are developing a real-time auction website after an internal study showed it could dramatically increase revenues for the sale of Ottawa's used, surplus and seized goods.

The service, modelled on the phenomenally successful EBay site, would allow ordinary Canadians to get a piece of the action on used vehicles, office furniture, boats, computers, tools and hundreds of other items the federal government no longer needs.

The federal Crown Assets Distribution agency has sold about $14 million of goods each year, mostly through traditional auctions and standing offers with selected buyers.

But an internal study last year argued bidding on the Internet could bring in more cash from Ottawa's giant garage sale.

Part of the pressure to boost auction income comes from other federal departments, who complain the agency takes too big a cut — more than 25 per cent, on average — and is not getting top dollar for their used goods.

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Auction items

Some winning bids this month for goods under the current auction system:

- March 2: 1985 King Air 300 aircraft — $1,551,000
- March 4: Apple iBook and tote bag — $251.05
- March 6: 1998 Dodge Caravan 155,000 kms — $1,450
- March 9: 1975 Massey-Ferguson tractor, Model 275 — $5,464
- March 12: 1997 Ski-Doo Scandic 500 snowmobile — $2,259.99
- March 13: Six-person inflatable Zodiac boat — $875

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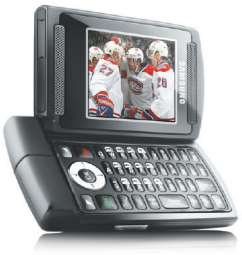

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Woman cyclist, 71, hit by car
A 71-year-old woman remains in critical condition after she was involved in a collision with a car while riding her bike Saturday night in Etobicoke. She was riding across Rexdale Boulevard near Queen's Plate Drive, just east of Highway 27, around 9 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Local

Teens flash gun on Highway 401

Three Toronto-area teens are facing charges after allegedly flashing a gun on Highway 401. Provincial police received a complaint from the Kitchener area Saturday night from a person who said they saw someone in a silver BMW with a handgun. The suspect vehicle was pulled over on the highway near Ingersoll. Police allegedly found a semi-automatic handgun in the vehicle. Two 18-year-olds from Toronto and a 17-year-old from Mississauga were arrested alongside the highway. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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These results are not official.

Red tape trips green push

Mayor David Miller's promise to make Toronto the greenest city in North America is failing, trapped in a nightmare of bureaucratic delays, says an environmental watchdog group.

In its annual Smog Report, the Toronto Environmental Alliance gave Miller an A-plus and the majority of council high grades for giving the green light to climate-change projects. But it found 30 per cent of those plans languish in myriad city departments.

The mayor, who was briefed on the report, said he found its criticisms "misguided" and insisted Toronto is still on track to be North America's greenest city.

"I think that concern is wrong," Miller said. "There is so much happening on the environmental front at city hall. I think TEA needs to step back a moment. The initiatives that have happened in the last two and a half years are extraordinary.

"Are one or two a bit slower than we had hoped? Yes. But there are also tremendous accomplishments happening in other areas."

MICHAEL STUPARYK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE
Mayor David Miller says criticisms by the Toronto Environmental Alliance are "misguided."

Among the green projects the alliance says are stuck in red tape:

- The blueprint for Toronto's sustainable energy plan has been delayed for more than a year;
- Plans to obtain 25 per cent of the city's electricity from green energy starting in 2008 are facing a delay of at least two years;
- A report on Toronto's green job development strategy was expected in late 2007, but remains outstanding;
- Delayed staff reports on the two-stroke engine ban (gas-powered lawnmowers and the like) mean it is likely to miss its implementation date of 2010.

The alliance's Katrina Miller, one of the report's authors, said she and executive director Franz Hartmann spent five months researching it and consistently found problems with bureaucratic delays.

The report notes Toronto's successes in public transit and energy conservation. It gives the city a B-plus for 2008 and says it showed significant progress. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

City eyes electric car initiative

PROJECT Toronto is joining a small group of North American cities that want to speed up the introduction of electric cars on their streets and highways. Project Get Ready was launched in February by the Rocky Mountain Institute, a Colorado-based think-tank.

"Toronto will be signing up," said Ben Marans, manager of special projects at the city's Toronto Atmospheric Fund. The initiative aims to have at least 20 participating cities. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Horseplay led to accident?

ACCIDENT Horseplay on a GO train platform may have led to 18-year-old Jafari Williamson's death, Peel police say.

The teen died in a Toronto hospital Saturday afternoon, just hours after he fell beneath the wheels of a train at GO's Clarkson station in Mississauga.

Williamson, a track star at Port Credit Secondary School, had just walked off the westbound train with two friends shortly after noon when the accident occurred. He was struck as the train pulled out of the station.

"He was a really, really good person at heart."
Pal Elion Saliaj

Const. Wayne Patterson said police wouldn't reveal the story told by the friends because they don't want to taint potential eyewitness accounts. "There's no criminal aspect to the investigation. It appears to be misadventure."

Pal Elion Saliaj was to have met Williamson later Saturday afternoon to play basketball. He said he and other young people who knew Jafari are stunned by his death. "He was a really, really good person at heart," Saliaj said. "He always had a smile on his face and took others people's burdens as his own."

Saliaj said friends who spoke with Williamson's chums at the accident scene confided "they were pushing each other around."

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Tories set date to pick new leader

CONVENTION Ontario's Progressive Conservatives will choose a new leader on June 27 at a convention in Markham despite objections from some of its own caucus members, party president Ken Zeise said yesterday.

The party executive held firm to its initial decision to have a new leader before July 1 despite "intensive lobbying" from different groups over the past two weeks, he said.

Fees

- The party executive has set a $50,000 registration fee for candidates and a campaign spending limit of $750,000.

Caucus members Tim Hudak, Randy Hillier, and Christine Elliott — who is married to federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty — are widely expected to run for the top job.

Federal Human Resources Minister Diane Finley and Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan — a past president of the Ontario party — are also rumoured to be testing the waters, as is OPP commissioner Julian Fantino.

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News in brief

FRENCH The handful of Oakville schools that only offer French immersion are driving students out of their neighbourhood in search of an English program and are also leading to "segregation" based on gender and ability, a group of parents charge. Despite making many presentations to the Halton District School Board, the parents say their worries have not been addressed, so they filed a claim of discrimination. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Teen in hospital with head injuries after car crash

A 14-year-old boy is stable but remains in hospital with critical head injuries after his family was involved in a car crash on Hwy. 407 Friday evening. Police say the family of four had their Mercedes rear-ended by a pickup truck. Alcohol is not believed to have been a factor. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Chrysler, CAW to begin talks

Government loan deadline looms for troubled carmaker

Chrysler and the Canadian Auto Workers will begin talks today aimed at reaching an agreement on worker concessions in advance of a looming deadline for the troubled automaker to receive billions in emergency loans.

Chrysler needs to submit a finalized restructuring plan to the federal and Ontario governments by March 31 to qualify for the money.

Ken Lewenza

CAW president Ken Lewenza called the talks "a matter of urgency."

"We don't believe it's in the interest of our members or in the interest of consumers for this uncertainty of the industry to prolong itself much longer," he said yesterday.

The two sides appear to be heading into negotiations with widely varying ideas on what the agreement should entail.

Lewenza said the union will stick to pattern bargaining, meaning they will ask Chrysler to accept a deal similar to one reached with General Motors earlier this month.

But Chrysler president Tom LaSorda has described that agreement as "unacceptable" and has raised the spectre of a complete pullout from Canada if the company doesn't get what it needs.

Chrysler has estimated the GM agreement cuts that company's labour costs by approximately $7 an hour, and Chrysler has said they need to reduce hourly labour costs by $19 to remain competitive.

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A City of Toronto employee sifts through recyclable material as it zooms by on a conveyor belt at the Dufferin Waste Management facility recently.

Cottage country last in waste ranks

RECYLING Rural, northern and cottage communities have clogged the bottom of Waste Diversion Ontario's recent rankings, with the 17 worst municipalities in terms of waste generation per capita and 25 of the 26 lowest-ranked municipalities in recycling containing populations under 10,000.

Experts say you can't entirely blame those residents for not keeping up with Ontario's best recyclers, since curbside collections are more inefficient and costly in rural areas, and some municipalities count on residents to haul their own waste to a depot.

"What do you do when you're on vacation? You consume."
Anne St. Godard, Recyling Council of Ontario

And while many cottage communities happily welcome tourists in the summer, visitors are often less than model citizens when it comes to conservation and recycling.

"What do you do when you're on vacation? You consume. Your lifestyle changes when you're in a vacation setting," said Jo-Anne St. Godard, executive director of the Recycling Council of Ontario.

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Diamonds set for legislature debut

MINING Precious gems are poised to make a sparkling entrance at the Ontario legislature tomorrow with a diamond-studded mace that will draw attention to an industry the beleaguered province hopes will bring 12 years of economic good news.

The gems come from De-Beers Canada's Victor Mine in northern Ontario, which is expected to produce about 600,000 carats of diamonds each year during its projected 12-year lifespan.

Victor "has fairly high-quality diamonds ... and so there's perhaps significantly higher demand for those diamonds," said Rick Meyers, vice-president of diamond affairs for the Mining Association of Canada.

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News in brief

VERDICT A jealous teenage girl who used sexual taunts in online and text messages to orchestrate the killing of 14-year-old Stefanie Rengel was convicted Friday of first-degree murder. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man shot in police station, cops allege

Montreal police say they shot a man they allege broke into a police station yesterday morning and threatened officers, leaving him with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

What recession?

One might forgive Manitobans if they seem slightly smug these days. Manitoba seems to be bucking the recession with its "steady-as-she-goes" incremental growth. The province's unemployment rate in February was at 4.8 per cent — three percentage points below the national numbers and the second-lowest rate in the country, surpassed only by Saskatchewan. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

POLICING Most Canadians do not understand the pressures of modern-day policing and should not rush to judgment, nor condemn the RCMP over the Robert Dziekanski affair, the Mounties' top man said yesterday.

BUDGET CUTS Federal money earmarked to fight the tragedy of fetal alcohol disorders has been quietly chopped back year after year, says a new report. "Each year the initiative has received only a portion of the dollars allocated," says an internal evaluation. "It is unclear why this cutback has become the norm."

SEAL HUNT Anti-sealing protesters are gearing up to document the annual East Coast seal hunt that begins today. Phil Jenkins, a spokesman for the federal Fisheries Department, says the hunt will start in the Gulf of St. Lawrence around Quebec's Iles de la Madeleine. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tories taking aim at long-gun registry

POLITICS The leaders of the federal Liberals and NDP are keeping their powder dry on Prime Minister Stephen Harper's call for a free vote on scrapping the federal long-gun registry.

Liberal chief Michael Ignatieff, in an interview yesterday on CTV's Question Period, said he wants to know more about a bill that would do away with registration requirements for hunting rifles and shotguns before taking a firm position on the measure.

"I don't know quite what I'm being asked to vote on, and I'm not going to commit myself until I've seen the fine print," said Ignatieff.

He acknowledged, however, that there's a distinction between sport shooters and those who use firearms as part of a criminal lifestyle.

"No sensible Canadian thinks the problem is the shotgun on the barn door," said the Liberal leader.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at the annual general meeting of the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters in Mississauga on Saturday.

Videos sell well

At-home pursuits make cash despite downturn

Riding the **Recession**

Uncertain economic times have had a negative impact on just about everyone — except those who benefit from you staying at home.

Rogers Plus video stores haven't missed a beat with a declining economy.

"Despite the recession, business has been steady in comparison to the last year," said Harold Simons, manager of communications at Rogers Plus.

"We really have not been impacted yet because movies and video games are a great way to entertain yourself at home."

"You're always going to need sex."
Lindsay Allain, adult video store manager

That success even translates to alternative video stores, such as Excitement video in Halifax. The adult film store has also seen an up-tick in sales and rentals since the economy slid late last year.

"Sex just doesn't go away in a recession," said store manager Lindsay Allain. "You don't necessarily need a car. You can do away with that. But you're always going to need sex."

Those looking to brush up on culinary skills at home are helping prop up national grocery chains.

"Things are fairly stable in our business," said Michael Lupien of Sobeys Grocery. "We're not laying people off. We are seeing an increase in sales in a lot of our prepared meals and things we sell at the deli. People want value for their dollar, which means that they are cooking at home."

And what's unfortunate to some is a boon for others, as pawn shops are also seeing more people come in to sell high-end goods for a quick cash injection.

"We've seen about double the number of items come in," said Mandy Motyer, a senior supervisor at Cash Canada Pawn Shop in Calgary. JENNIFER HILLIKER / FOR METRO CANADA

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Man who contracted polio from daughter's vaccine given $22.5 million

A New York man with polio has won a multimillion-dollar lawsuit against a drugmaker claiming he contracted the disease 30 years ago from the polio vaccine given to his infant daughter. Dominick Tenuto was awarded $22.5 million US in a New York state court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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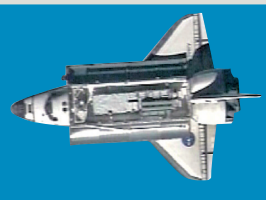

Astronauts get the day off

Astronauts in orbit finally got a break yesterday as NASA scrambled down below to create a spacewalking repair plan for a jammed equipment platform at the International Space Station. Mission Control gave the 10 space travellers the morning off, so they could rest up for the third and final spacewalk of shuttle Discovery's mission, set for today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tibetans riot, attack police

Hundreds of Tibetans attacked a police station and government officials in northwestern China despite heightened security, prompting the arrests yesterday of nearly 100 monks, state media said.

Six of those arrested for alleged involvement in the attack were caught by police while 89 others turned themselves in, according to the official Xinhua news agency. All but two were monks, it said.

The protest appeared to be in response to the disappearance of a Tibetan who escaped from police custody in Qinghai province.

The protest involved as many as 2,000 people and was sparked by the apparent suicide of a monk being investigated for unfurling a Tibetan flag.

Xinhua said several hundred people — including nearly 100 monks from the Ragya Monastery — attacked the police station in the township of Ragya on Saturday, assaulting policemen and government staff.

Some officials were injured slightly in the assault, Xinhua said.

The violence is the latest known occurrence of unrest following a bomb explosion last Monday in an unoccupied police station in predominantly Tibetan Ganzi prefecture in Sichuan province. The explosion shattered windows, but no injuries were reported.

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Bulgaria **Leap of faith**

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A bungee jumper leaps off a bridge over Yantra river yesterday in the Bulgarian town of Veliko Tarnovo, east of Sofia. Two hundred jumpers will try to jump more than 480 times from the bridge in 24 hours in a world record attempt.

Children killed in plane crash

MONTANA A small plane crashed yesterday as it approached an airport in Montana, killing 17 people, including several children, a U.S. Federal Aviation Administration spokesperson said.

The single engine turboprop plane crashed about 150 metres from the airport in Butte while attempting to land, said spokesman Mike Fergus. The Montana Standard reported in an online story that it crashed in Butte's Holy Cross Cemetery.

The aircraft had departed from Oroville, Calif., and the pilot had filed a flight plan showing a destination of Bozeman. But the pilot cancelled his flight plan at some point and headed for Butte, Fergus said.

Preliminary reports indicate the dead include numerous children, he said. There were no known fatalities on the ground, he added. "We think that it was probably a ski trip for the kids," Fergus said.

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News in brief

NATO Defence Minister Peter MacKay said yesterday that he is more interested in keeping his job than becoming NATO's next secretary-general. His comments suggested that Denmark's Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen is gaining more support among the alliance's 26 member states to be the next head of NATO. Since its creation in 1949, NATO's top civilian job has always gone to a European

MacKay

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Iran mourns Ayatollah Khomeini's widow
The wife of the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the father of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution, has died at the age of 93. Iran's state television says Khadijeh Saqafi died Saturday in Tehran after a long illness. Saqafi is survived by three daughters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Soldiers died fighting Taliban

The remains of four Canadian soldiers killed in two separate bomb attacks in Afghanistan on Friday will return home today.

A military plane carrying four flag-draped caskets will arrive at CFB Trenton in Ontario at 2 p.m. for a repatriation ceremony. Gov. Gen Michaëlle Jean and Defence Minister Peter MacKay are expected to be standing alongside the soldiers' families on the tarmac.

The ceremony will honour Master Cpl. Scott Vernelli, Cpl. Tyler Crooks — both of November Company, 3rd Battalion, Royal Canadian Regiment battle group — and Trooper Jack Bouthillier and Trooper Corey Hayes, of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Cpl. Tyler Crooks

Trooper Corey Hayes

Master Cpl. Vernelli

Trooper Jack Bouthillier

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The attack that killed Vernelli and Crooks took place in Zhari district, west of Kandahar city, where they were in the final stages of clearing out of a village and about to sit down with local elders when a soldier set off a booby trap. Bouthillier and Hayes died when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Shah Wali Kot, northeast of the city.

As many as 15 prisoners were taken during the operation that dismantled bomb factories and materials and prevented an estimated 50 improvised explosives from being planted. Taliban command centres and bomb facilities were the main targets of the raid, involving over 2,000 Canadian and American troops, the largest such combined operation since the Korean War.

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1 million attend Pope's mass

AFRICA Pope Benedict celebrated mass for the largest gathering of his African pilgrimage yesterday — as many as one million people at the last major event of his seven-day trip, which began Tuesday in Cameroon.

Before the mass, the Pope offered his condolences to the families of two 20-year-old women trampled to death in a stampede at a Luanda stadium before a youth event he addressed Saturday.

He also wished a speedy recovery to some 40 people injured in the crush.

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11 held in Paris condom clash

SKIRMISH Police say they arrested 11 people after a clash between youths and leftist activists giving away condoms in front of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

The skirmish broke out after environmentalists and Communist party activists staged a protest against recent comments by Pope Benedict over condom use.

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News in brief

HOSTAGES The British Embassy said yesterday it has received a new video showing one of five British hostages seized by gunmen from Iraq's Finance Ministry nearly two years ago. The four other captives were security workers for the Montreal-based firm GardaWorld.

HONG KONG Grace Mugabe, wife of Zimbabwe's president, is immune from prosecution for allegedly punching British photographer Richard Jones in the face when he was taking pictures of her near a luxury hotel in Hong Kong on Jan. 15, the government of the Chinese territory said yesterday.

ATTACKS Pakistan has provided Interpol with DNA profiles of suspected terrorists linked to the Mumbai, India, attacks, the international police agency said yesterday. Pakistan has announced criminal proceedings against eight suspects over the attacks. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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This morning I'm reflecting on what makes a life interesting.

There's a reason for this. Recently, Dianne Rinehart, my editor-in-chief at Metro, asked if I'd write a blog to go with my column.

Now when an editor-in-chief asks, "Would you like to …" I snap to and say, "How high?" Usually leading them to ask, "What do you mean? What's that got to do with filing your column on time?" And then I say, "Um … it's like you asked me to jump and I …" And they say, "I knew hiring a humour writer was trouble. I wonder if that woman who writes about telling your fortune by reading bird droppings is still available." Something like that.

Anyway, this week I begin to blog. I'm willing to blog. I'm wanting to blog. I'm waiting to blog. The only thing keeping me from blogging is having no idea what the heck to blog about.

Not being a huge blog reader myself, I asked blog-savvy friends what one blogs about. Apparently, blogging is a chance to share all those ordinary everyday thoughts and experiences that no one will sit and listen to us talk about, but are happy to spend hours reading online.

One friend suggested, "Anything can be interesting. What did you do this morning?"

Me: I spent 45 minutes trying to unglue teeth whitening strips from the paper backing, ending up having to pull 50 half unstuck strips out of my bangs. Is that a blog?

Her: That's a Twitter. You have to work up to that.

Another friend said, "Blog about how you're different. That's what's interesting."

Well, I'm a divorced, remarried lesbian living in a straight neighbourhood. One of my daughters is transsexual. I'm training to become a minister in a faith that traditionally would like to see my sort tarred and feathered. I work at an inner city parish where "success" means you're still alive. And at a mental health institute, where I have to be armed with a personal safety device in order to visit my clients. But frankly, in my world, this is all old news.

And is it our differences that make our lives interesting? The most interesting thing my life experience has taught me is that we're really all the same. We all want to be loved. We all need hope. We all hope to be listened to.

I don't know if that's a blog or a Twitter. I do believe it's the truth.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.

Views

Real-time warnings can avoid hassles

InTransit

Ed Drass

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Thanks to a phenomena called "crowdsourcing," transit riders can now send text messages to warn other riders about serious delays on subway, streetcar or bus routes. Although these are unofficial alerts from individuals, the information can dramatically enhance that which the TTC itself provides.

A few months ago, Brian Gilham, who rides GO Transit and the TTC, started forwarding official alerts about subway shutdowns to Twitter users.

Recently, he added an enhanced version called TTC Updates, Community Edition, and asked the public to contribute tweets when people encounter major delays. The same messages can be seen at ttcupdates.com.

You can also access the Twitter effort from facebook.com or via the "Links" page at eddrass.com.

Can crowdsourcing help reduce travel frustration? Every person who decides to post real-time warnings could potentially help many others get to work on time or keep appointments.

The TTC now warns of subway disruptions online and by email, and will gradually expand this service to include delays on surface routes. And for those who can't receive text messages, the transit agency aims to improve real-time communication within the system.

Later this year, the commission also plans to launch "NextBus" technology to tell riders when transit vehicles are projected to arrive at a stop — based on their actual location, not the schedule.

Toronto-based transport writer Ed Drass covers transit issues every Monday; transit@eddrass.com.

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Brazilian oil workers get ready to strike
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Business

Obama stands by Geithner

U.S. President Barack Obama is standing by his treasury secretary on the eve of Tim Geithner's plan to buy billions of dollars in bad loans from America's faltering banks amid public fury about corporate bonuses. The embattled Geithner, left, will reportedly announce today a new government body to buy the loans. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Will stock rally hold?

Fed's stimulus sparked upturn

Investors were in a positive frame of mind last week, sparking an eight-day runup on the Toronto stock market — but this week will establish if the rally has staying power.

The rally took hold on March 10 when U.S. financial giant Citigroup said its first two months were profitable — and the upturn received an extension last week after the U.S. Federal Reserve unveiled plans to pump more than $1 trillion US into the economy.

"The massive quantitative easing, was first and foremost aimed squarely at bringing down long term interest rates, try to make mortgages more affordable," said Doug Porter, deputy chief economist at BMO Capital Markets.

"They're really trying to break the logjam."
Doug Porter,
BMO Capital Markets

"They're really trying to break the logjam that to some extent still remains in credit markets — it has improved but it hasn't been forcefully broken."

The TSX ended the week up 935 points, or 12.4 per cent from the March 9 close.

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Tata Motors ultra-cheap Nano car is meant to herald a revolution by making it possible for the poor to purchase their first car.

Tata Motors finally ready to launch ultra-cheap Nano

LAUNCH Tata Motors said it will launch its ultra-cheap Nano car in Mumbai today.

But few predict the Nano will be able to turn around the company. Tata Motors declared a loss of $64 million for the third quarter, and has been struggling to refinance $2.5 billion of a $3.7 billion loan it took to buy the Jaguar and Land Rover brands from Ford Motor Co. in June.

The Nano, priced at 100,000 rupees (about $2,450), is a stripped-down car for stripped-down times: It has one windshield wiper, a 623cc rear engine, and if you want air conditioning or a radio you'll have to pay extra.

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In brief

BONUSES White House adviser Christina Romer says it's OK to be angry about bonuses at the American International Group — but urged caution as the Obama administration readies a plan that relies on private investors to help buy billions of dollars of bad assets from struggling banks.

MADOFF A clearer picture is emerging of how much money might be available to pay back victims of the Bernard Madoff fraud, but while the pot is big it is nowhere near enough to repair all the damage. It includes nearly $1 billion US held by Madoff's company and potentially more than $100 million US in personal assets that include luxury homes, cars and boats.

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Going Green

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It's more than just turning off your lights

Canada and rest of the world prepare for Earth Hour

EarthTones

Sophia Dore & Andrew Laursen

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Earth Hour 2009 is almost upon us. What will you be doing and, more importantly, why are you doing it?

On Saturday, March 28, between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., we are asked to turn off all non-essential lights and other power-using devices for the third annual Earth Hour event.

Earth Hour started in 2007 in Sydney, Australia. By last year, other countries had jumped on the bandwagon, including Canada, where more than 150 cities signed up to participate, which is one of the highest participation rates in the world. The Toronto skyline dimmed noticeably and hydro usage dropped 8.7 per cent. In Ottawa, they showed a four per cent decrease in hydro usage.

This year, Earth Hour events are planned in many cities across Canada. These events include a free Earth Hour concert in Nathan Phillips Square. For more information about these and other events, go to wwf.ca/earthhour.

This year, Canada looks

EarthHour

poised to outdo its 2008 performance with more than 200 cities already signed up to participate. Canada currently ranks No. 1 in the world in terms of cities signed up for Earth Hour, with 208 participants. We are followed by Greece (185) and Australia (172). Lights on the CN Tower, as well as other major landmarks, will be dimmed as Canadians vote with their light switches to show that climate change is important to us.

Speaking of voting, we find it ironic that Canada has more cities than any other country signed up for Earth Hour; however, our government's policy on global warming is lukewarm at best. We have backpedalled on our ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, and now with a new forward thinking administration in the United States we face the prospect of trailing behind even that traditional digger-in of heels on climate change, the U.S. of A.

We need to decide if we are serious about combating climate change. Are we just participating in Earth Hour for the "cool" factor because it's endorsed by celebrities, we like free concerts and lighting candles is fun anyway? Or are we willing to put resources into sustainable energy generation and helping existing industries cut their carbon outputs? Meeting our Kyoto obligations is not going to be painless. Are we willing to deal with the pain?

Most importantly, are we willing to tell Ottawa that in spite of all our economic woes, we still care about climate change and about the environment and that we will not accept them turning their backs on it?

Or will we just turn the lights back on at 9:30 on March 28 and go about our lives?

Sophia Dore is an environmental scientist with Conestoga-Rovers & Associates. Andrew Laursen is an assistant professor at Ryerson University; earthtones.metro@gmail.com.

News in brief

EVENT The Toronto Vegetarian Association gives Earth Hour a new twist by hosting a special event designed to show the environmental impact of eating green. Beyond Earth Hour: A Celebration Of Green Eating With The Toronto Vegetarian Association will provide people with an action plan on how to lead a low-carbon lifestyle on March 28 at 7 p.m. at the Hart House Music Room (7 Hart Circle, University of Toronto St. George Campus). Tickets are available through uofttix.ca. For more, visit veg.ca/earthhour.

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Anderson, Calve end snowboard season with medal haul
Jasey-Jay Anderson and Caroline Calve capped a big weekend for Canada at the final snowboard World Cup event of the season in Italy yesterday with gold and silver medals, respectively, in the men's and women's parallel giant slalom. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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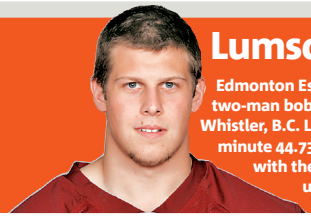

Lumsden a natural in the sleigh

Edmonton Eskimos running back Jesse Lumsden became a Canadian two-man bobsleigh champion with pilot Pierre Luedders Saturday in Whistler, B.C. Luedders and Lumsden clocked a two-run combined time of one minute 44.73 seconds to finish first. The football star trained all last week with the Canadian bobsleigh team as a cross-training exercise for the upcoming CFL season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

MLS Amado Guevara scored twice in the second half, leading Toronto FC to a 3-2 victory in Kansas City over the Wizards in the teams' MLS season opener Saturday. Jim Brennan also scored in TFC's first win at Kansas City.

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Well, they are the Clippers after all

NBA RESULT

Clippers 76 Raptors 100

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS VS

Chris Bosh's birthday present came two days early.

The all-star forward who turns 25 tomorrow poured in 16 points and grabbed 13 rebounds as Toronto defeated the Los Angeles Clippers 100-76 to give the Raptors their largest margin of victory this season.

Toronto entered the game having lost nine of its past 10 games but everything clicked yesterday. Jose Calderon scored 15 points with six assists while Shawn Marion added 14 points and 13 rebounds.

"We just have to have fun playing the game of basketball," said Bosh. The Raptors (25-45) managed to record the victory without Andrea Bargnani. The 23-year-old missed his first game of the season because of a sore left heel. It was the first game he has missed since December 2007.

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Chris Bosh is fouled by the Clippers' Chris Kaman yesterday.

Andy Rautins sparks Syracuse into Sweet 16

With Syracuse's season on the cusp of slipping away, Jonny Flynn found himself getting the majority of Arizona State's defensive attention.

Eric Devendorf, Canadian Andy Rautins and the Orange exploited that perfectly. Flynn set up Rautins' three-pointer that started a game-saving Syracuse run, then hit Devendorf for two more threes, and the third-seeded Orange held off the sixth-seeded Sun Devils 78-67 in a South Regional second-round game yesterday.

Devendorf finished with 21 points and Rautins, son of Canadian men's coach and Raptors broadcaster Leo Rautins, added 17 for Syracuse, which moves on to play Oklahoma in Memphis on Friday, a spot in the regional final against North Carolina or Gonzaga at stake for the winner.

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim got the 799th win of his career and moved into a tie with former Louisville coach Denny Crum for seventh in all-time NCAA tournament coaching wins with 42.

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Syracuse guard Jonny Flynn of Niagara Falls, N.Y., saves a ball yesterday.

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Workology

Cage-free eggs at Brock

Brock University in Ontario's Niagara region has become the 12th post-secondary institution in Canada to adopt a cage-free egg purchasing policy. Brock announced its decision Wednesday, saying it is committed to serving 100 percent cage-free eggs in all campus food facilities.

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Four Olympics and counting

Odd**Jobs**

Diane Peters

Architecture critics marvel at the look of the new Richmond Olympic Oval. But the speedskaters who whip around the corners and look up at the clock to check their time only care about one thing: The ice.

And that's the responsibility of Mark Messer. He's the chief plant manager and ice and facility specialist for the Olympic Oval in Calgary, and is helping out at the new B.C. venue too.

The 48-year-old helped design some of the technical aspects of the new facility and will monitor the ice during next year's Olympics. It'll be his fourth Olympics — he spent 40 days straight in Turin in 2006.

Originally from Saskatchewan, Messer grew up in Calgary a mechanically minded kid. He did an apprenticeship as a heavy-duty mechanic but was laid off from his job in 1982 when the construction market dried up.

He was hired by the Saddledome when it opened in 1983 and learned on the job how to make ice for the Calgary Flames. He went to the Olympic Oval when it opened in 1987 and learned about speedskating.

Over the years, he took courses on refrigeration and ice-making equipment. Five years ago, he got promoted into his current position.

"To be good at this job, you have to have an open mind, be creative and open to new things," says Messer. He's questioned some traditional ice-making techniques and his experiments have led to numerous new ways to make fast, clean, smooth ice for both speedskaters and hockey players (his facility has a long-track oval and two international size rinks for hockey and short track skating).

He's learned, for instance, that highly purified water works best for long track skating, while water with minerals and impurities left in it leads to better short track skating.

These days, his job entails monitoring the ice by looking at computer reports from under-the-ice sensors, by checking it personally and talking to skaters and coaches. He adjusts the humidity in the building and works with his ice maintenance staff to achieve a smooth, fast surface.

He drives a Zamboni himself at least a few times a week, more lately in Richmond as he's been training staff there.

While he's an expert on ovals and loves being around speedskaters who strive to be the best, he's not a racer himself. He's more of a hockey guy and plays once a week.

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

The Lowdown

Job title: Ice specialist
Education/training: On-the-job learning, plus courses in refrigeration and building operations
Best Part of the Job: "When you see the joy in the athlete's faces when they get a personal best time or a world record and it's on our ice, the ice we made to get them there."
Worst Part of the Job: "The hours. I sometimes work 6 a.m. until midnight, and I'm always on call. I've got a family and I'm more and more away from home right now."

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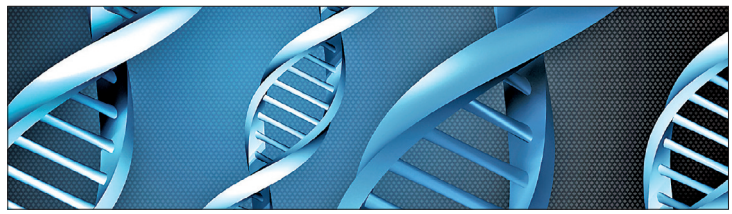
Movies miss genetic mark


While it's not the sexiest subject, Claire Hasenkampf can tell you the importance of chromosomes.

Lecture series

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for Metro Canada

Forget about being able to choose the colour of your baby's eyes or hair, we haven't gotten that far yet, according to Claire Hasenkampf.

"If you're looking for that sort of thing, rent a movie," she says. But the professor of biological sciences at the University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus has regaled audiences on the latest research on the building blocks of life in her lecture Chromosomes Dividing: How It's Done And Why It Matters, as part of TVO's Ontario's Best Lecturer series on its program Big Ideas yesterday.

"It's very thrilling to be nominated," she said. "I'll be more thrilled if I win, but I won't be disappointed if I don't. It's a pretty tough topic to explain."

So, while chromosomes may not be considered as "sexy" a subject as others, it's an important one to know. Hasenkampf details how during meiosis — a dividing process essential to sexual reproduction — chromosomes are allowed to pair up and participate in reciprocal genetic exchange.

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Essentially, Hasenkampf explains how life is created on a microscopic level.

"It matters because the process encodes info about the organism, and most organisms that we can see use that process," she said.

"Now much of what makes up a human can be attributed to environmental possibilities — nurture instead of nature. But meiosis can provide more information about birth defects and complex traits such as athleticism or intelligence, or even hereditary risks like heart disease or diabetes."

But there's so much more to know. Hasenkampf says that there's no such thing as a study that hasn't generated more questions along with findings, and like many other scientific discoveries, the answer may just come by accident.

"A big key is to not find the answer you think you're looking for if it isn't there," she said. "Don't let your ideas bias what you see."

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What a Millennial student campus will look like
An article in the recent issue of Planning for Higher Education examines how today's students — Millennials — are influencing campus design. Millennials' comfort level with technology and team-oriented nature are fuelling the need for multipurpose space for group activities. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Companies inundated with resumés

Today's economy is fuelling record activity in job search. In January, CareerBuilder.com had 25.7 million unique visitors come to the site, the highest in company history. The average number of applications to jobs on the site over the last three months increased 25 per cent compared to last year.

In a recent wide-scale survey, CareerBuilder.com found that the vast majority of human resources managers (78 per cent) reported at least half of the resumés they receive from various recruitment resources are from unqualified candidates.

Nearly one-in-four human resources managers said they receive, on average, more than 75 resumés for each open position; 42 per cent receive more than 50 resumés.

Thirty-eight per cent of human resources managers report they spend one to two minutes reviewing a new application; 17 per cent spend less than one minute.

Compiled here are some tips from Rosemary Haefner, vice-president of human resources at Careerbuilder.com:

Because many people will be applying for any and all job openings, make sure your resumé will stand out from the rest.

• Human resources managers serve on the front lines of a company's recruitment efforts and are often the gatekeepers of the interview process. Because they can receive a large volume of applications, you may only have a matter of seconds to make a lasting impression.

• You should always have a current resumé and portfolio ready to go because you never know what the next day will bring whether it's a weak or healthy economy.

• Fifty-one per cent of human resources managers reported they use an applicant-tracking systems to screen and manage their resumés. It's important to incorporate keywords from the job posting into your resumé because it will increase your chances of appearing near the top of the employer's ranking of the most relevant candidates.

• Many workers, especially those operating in industries that have experienced mass layoffs, are looking to new industries and professions to find opportunities. In these cases, your best option may be a functional resumé, which lists experience by skill categories rather than chronologically.

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Making fun of the news

The Hour recruits comedians to guest anchor segment

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Toronto

Making fun of the news seems like a no-brainer. You need material? All you got to do is open a newspaper or switch on the TV.

But according to comic Colin Mochrie, it can be tricky sometimes.

"I remember after 9-11, for a long time it was hard to come up with a funny angle on that particular news item," says Mochrie, who was a cast member on This Hour Has 22 Minutes from 2001 until 2003. "We eventually did by focusing on the hysteria that resulted afterward."

"It was an odd time. I remember doing an improv tour, and you'd do a Bush joke and immediately lose 50 per cent of the audience. They'd boo."

Mochrie will return to the faux anchor desk this week as a guest on CBC's The Hour, delivering The News, the talk show's nightly look at the world of entertainment.

Comic Sean Cullen kicks off the guest anchoring tonight, followed by Mochrie (Tuesday), Gilson Lubin (Wednesday), and Nikki Payne (Thursday).

"We just thought it would be fun," says The Hour host George Stroumboulopoulos.

"One of the things we do on our show is make sure Canadian talent has a home. We only have two interview spots, so we thought — how can we get them on the show? Hey — let's get them to do the The News. Do what I do."

Stroumboulopoulos says his talk show, which combines interviews with headlines and commentary, can be funny. But don't go mistaking it for a comedy show.

"We can do observation, we can point out the obvious, we can make jokes, or provide a nuisanced look at something. But we're not a comedy show. But in there, if the audience finds something funny, that's great."

The host says he likes to change things up on his show and looks forward to what the comics bring to the table.

"We have our writers, but they'll bring whatever they bring. We'll work on it with them. But no one needs to tell Sean Cullen or Colin Mochrie what to do."

Mochrie can't see himself doing nightly commentary on a show like The Hour or The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.

"It's certainly a good way to get your point across," he says. "But it sounds like work to me. I'm lazy. I'd get on the computer to write and get distracted by solitaire."

The Hour airs Monday-Friday at 11 p.m. on CBC.

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The Hour's George Stroumboulopoulos with Colin Mochrie.

"We just thought it would be fun."
The Hour's George Stroumboulopoulos

Weekend Box Office

Estimates ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres:

1. **Knowing:** $24.8 million US
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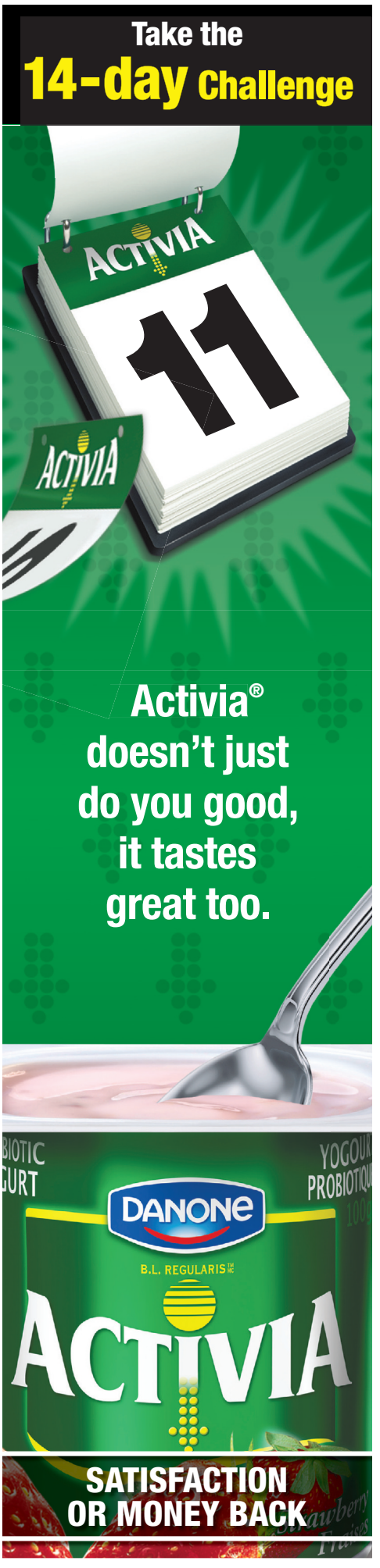

Sexiest parent on the planet

Angelina Jolie is the hottest mum in showbiz, according to a new online poll. The mother of six topped a survey carried out by msn.co.uk to find Hollywood's sexiest parent, landing 29 per cent of the votes registered. Halle Berry and Reese Witherspoon shared second place. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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See you next fall

Fashion Week's collections boast bold colours

Youth ruled the runway on the closing day of shows under the tents at LG Fashion Week, with presentations from local fashion students followed by a trio of emerging Canadian talents who first gained widespread attention of their design skills on the small screen.

After a runway presentation from the School of Fashion at Toronto's Ryerson University on Friday, Evan Biddell, Lucian Matis and Carlie Wong — contestants from the inaugural season of Project Runway Canada — each brought their unique yet disparate visions for fall/winter fashions to the catwalk.

Spring may just be underway, but the recently wrapped LG Fashion Week featuring fall/winter 2009-10 collections steered largely clear of showcasing solely basic black and neutral separates that tend to be standard for the chillier seasons.

Instead, the colour palette was a veritable feast for the eyes, flush with a wide array of rich hues and flashy metallics for a wide spectrum of looks for day and night, from cutting-edge sportswear to elegant eveningwear.

Jewel tones — notably emerald, turquoise and ruby red — were among the more widely used colours, particularly as standalone tops and dresses.

But designers didn't shy away from cranking up the colour quotient or even combining multiple hues into one garment, with such eye-popping shades like lemongrass, fuschia, electric blue and marigold yellow factoring into the mix.

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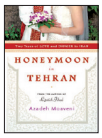
A progressive side of oft-stereotyped Iran

Honeymoon in Tehran

Author: Azadeh Moaveni
Publisher: Random House
Price: $30 (Hardcover)

In this memoir, journalist Azadeh Moaveni presents two very different faces of Iran. On the surface, she sees the fundamentalism in the stern ascension of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, which is what brought her to Iran in the first place. But through her reporting, she meets a host of characters representing a progressive Iran, that express views against the country's oft-stereotyped class divisions.

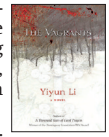


BookPicks

The Vagrants

Author: Yiyun Li
Publisher: Random House
Price: $28 (Hardcover)

In The Vagrants, Gu Shan rocks her native Chinese town Muddy Waters. The young woman has protested against Communism in the country during the late 1970s, a time when defection equalled death. As she appears centered in a stadium awaiting execution, her vocal chords cut and kidneys removed, the onlookers who had a connection to her recall their own impressions of young Shan. Through her parents and others, a picture of Shan and the reflection of individual corruption on a society are conceived.



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Reality TV star dies

Brit celeb Jade Goody succumbs to cancer

Jade Goody, a dental assistant turned reality-TV star whose whirlwind journey from poverty to celebrity to tragedy became a national soap opera and morality tale in Britain, has died.

The 27-year-old had cancer and died in her sleep early yesterday at her home in Essex, southeast England, her publicist Max Clifford said.

Goody gained fame at 21 in 2002, when she joined the reality television show Big Brother, in which contestants live together for weeks and are constantly filmed. Loud and brash, she became a highly divisive star — initially mocked as an ignorant slob, then celebrated as a forthright everywoman by a hungry tabloid press.

It was a pattern of praise and condemnation that followed her for the rest of her life. Goody became a national touchstone who sparked debate about race, class and celebrity in Britain.

For some, Goody was a survivor who had overcome a tough childhood in a poor part of London.

GETTY IMAGES FILE PHOTO
Jade Goody

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said yesterday that Goody used her fame to help others.

"She was a courageous woman both in life and death and the whole country have admired her determination to provide a bright future for her children," Brown said in a statement.

"She will be remembered fondly by all who knew her and her family can be extremely proud of the work she has done to raise awareness of cervical cancer which will benefit thousands of women across the U.K."

Though many praised Goody in recent months for the way in which she handled her illness, she was mocked in the press during her stint on Big Brother for her weight, her big mouth and her apparent lack of general knowledge —she branded the English region of East Anglia East Angular, and asked whether it was abroad.

She didn't win the show, but she did become a celebrity, earning millions through television and magazine appearances, an autobiography, a perfume and a series of exercise videos.

It was during a follow-up stint on a celebrity version of Big Brother in 2007 that Goody was labelled a racist bully for her treatment of another contestant, Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty. Goody bad-mouthed Shetty's cooking of Indian food, mocked her accent and referred to her as "Shilpa Popadom." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Funeral held for Richardson

DEATH A funeral service for actress Natasha Richardson was held in the hilly Hudson Valley town of Millbrook, N.Y., where she wed actor Liam Neeson and raised their two sons. Neeson was among the pallbearers for his wife's coffin as it was taken into St. Peter's Episcopal Church last afternoon. He arrived at the tiny, white clapboard church with his sons and mother-in-law, Vanessa Redgrave. Others at the funeral included actor Ralph Fiennes. The 45-year-old Tony Award-winning actress died at a Manhattan hospital from a head injury suffered while skiing in Quebec. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kenya's Style

Kenya Hunt
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primetime

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	211	331	3	GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	House "Joy" (HDTV)		24 (HDTV PA) (N)		Heroes "Cold Snap" (N)		News
	215	343	4	OMN1	Two/Half Men	The Simpsons	News (N)		Vivere Il	News (N)	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Metropia
	210	302	6	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Little Mosque	Sophie (N)	Comedy Fest	Comedy Fest.	CBC News: The National		The Hour
	214	344	7	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Chuck (HDTV) (N)		Less-Kind	Friends	Man Tracker		News (N)
	212	313	8	CTV	etalk	Hollywood	Big Bang Th	Gary Unmarr	Two/Half Men	Corner Gas (N)	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
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	-	387	16	CBS	Inside Edition	Hollywood	Big Bang Th	How I Met	Two/Half Men	Engagement	CSI: Miami (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
	-	385	17	NBC	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Chuck (HDTV) (N)		Heroes "Cold Snap" (N)		Medium (HDTV) (N)		News (N)
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	297	652	330	WPX	Two/Half Men	Family Guy	Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		One Tree Hill (HDTV) (N)		PIX News at Ten Tong.		Two/Half Men
	296	654	331	SBK	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Dr. Phil (HDTV)		WBZ News (N)	'70s Show	Frasier	Frasier	Punk'd
	298	653	332	TLA	Jamie Foxx	Wayans Bros.	My Wife-Kids	According-Jim	Friends	KTLA News	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Gossip Girl (N)

news

	502	390	26	NW	CBC News	Newman	The Hour		CBC News: The National		Forced to Marry (N)		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown: No Bias		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
	509	504	79	CNB	Kudlow Report		CNBC Reports (HDTV)		Marijuana Inc.: Pot Industry		On the Money		Mad Money

sports

	405	417	22	net	Skiing	Skiing FIS Ski Cross.		World Sport	Sportsnet Con.		Baseball World Classic Final -- Teams TBA. (HDTV) (Live)		
	400	400	30	TSN	NHL Hockey New Jersey Devils at Philadelphia Flyers. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Calgary Flames.		
	411	457	58	OLN	Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman		Mantracker		Bounty Hunter	Bounty Hunter	Survivorman
	417	406	81	SC	Pimp My Ride	Pass Time	This Week in NASCAR (N)		SuperCars	SuperCars	Barrett-Jackson		Car Crazy

family

	551	542	25	YTV	Karaoke Star Junior		Malcolm-Mid.	Futurama	League-Evil	Zixx Level	Falcon Beach (DVS)		Mystery Hnt.
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	556	540	51	FAM	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Life Derek	Ned's School	Cory in House	Zack & Cody

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	602	567	27	W	Will & Grace	Friends	How Clean	Kim	Love It or List It		Dollars-Sense	Smart Cookies	Maxed Out
	570	580	29	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Springbreak.09		Shot at Love-Tila Tequila		MuchNews	Video on Trial	MuchVibe
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Intervention		Intervention "Sharon"		Paranormal State (N)		Paranormal
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	571	581	36	MMM	mmmtop	Revival	Listed (Part 2 of 2)		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		Where You At
	575	583	38	CMT	Karaoke Star Junior (N)		Home Improve.	Home Improve.	Reba	Reba	Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Karaoke Star
	616	521	39	SHO	The Outer Limits		Cashing In	Kink in Hair	Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Name Is Earl	The Office	House
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	603	561	56	FOOD	Chef at Home	Chef at Home	Restaurant Makeover		Food Detective	Road Tasted	Hell's Kitchen		Chef School
	261	394	60	V	Murder, She Wrote		Eyes Down	May-December	McLeod's Daughters		Twist of Faith	Clergy	Poltergeist
	621	527	63	STR	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		TMZ (N)	etalk	Paris Hilton's British Friend		The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ
	553	546	65	TRE	Backyardigans	Nght Grdn	Max & Ruby	Franklin	Little Bear	Bucket-Dinos	Big Comfy	Big & Small	Max & Ruby
	115	711	101	TVA	Les Gags (SC)	Star Académie:	Annie et ses hommes (N) (SC)		Dr. House (HDTV) (SC)		TVA 22 heures	(10:45) Denis Lévesque	
	126	730	102	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Commander In Chief		Commander In Chief		Dollars-Sense	Lie Detective	Mediums
	300	601	301	M1	Stargate Atlantis		Sanctuary "Warriors"		U.S. of Tara	Secret Diary	The Line (N)		Atlantis
	305	612	306	PIX	*Ghost Story* ★★★ (1981, Horror) Fred Astaire.				*The Shining* ★★★ (1980, Horror) Jack Nicholson, Shelley Duvall.				

critics'corner

Saturday Night Divas
It's not Saturday night, and it's not October either. But breast cancer awareness shouldn't be confined to a single month. In this new special, several top female singers take the stage to support the battle against breast cancer. They include Celine Dion, Chaka Khan, Natasha Bedingfield, Alicia Keys and Girls Aloud. 9 PM on BVO

Sophie
Are they worried she won't be able to "forever hold her peace"? When Andre (Lyriq Bent) invites Sophie (Natalie Brown) to his wedding to Kim (Rachael Crawford) in New York, Rick and Matt (Sebastian Spence, Jeff Geddis) insist on accompanying her to make sure she doesn't do anything foolish. Back home, it's contract renewal time for Estelle (Sara Botsford) in the new episode "Wedding Bell Blues." 8:30 PM on CBC

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Joe pulls a Miley

Jonas Brothers singer Joe Jonas may be facing flak over a photo showing him slanting his eyes in what some speculate is an attempt to mock Asians. Fellow Disney star Miley Cyrus drew anger over a similar photo earlier this year. METRO WORLD NEWS

Celebrity Buzz

Sex tapes and the other woman?

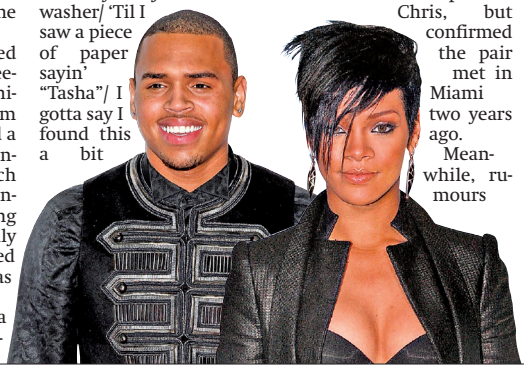
PEOPLE Chris Brown cheated on Rihanna with a model, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

The 19-year-old singer — who has been charged with felony assault and making criminal threats following his alleged assault of Rihanna last month — was having a relationship with 27-year-old model Natasha Ellie, the website says.

It has been claimed Natasha sent the three-page text message — initially reported to be from someone who Chris "had a previous sexual relationship with" — which sparked Chris and Rihanna's argument, during which he allegedly punched, bit and choked the singer until she was unconscious.

A source said: "Rihanna has been having problems with this girl for a long time. Rihanna even reached out to Natasha, but she denied everything."

Natasha may even have been mentioned in the lyrics to Rihanna's song Emergency Room: "I was pickin' up your clothes in the closet/ I was bout' to throw your jeans in the washer/ 'Til I saw a piece of paper sayin' "Tasha"/ I gotta say I found this a bit shockin'/ And some receipts here that say you went shoppin'/ You bought some Nike shoes/ But why you buyin stockings?/ Boy how could you lie to me?/ I thought you would die for me/ I'm not accepting another apology."



The model's representative has denied the model had a relationship with Chris, but confirmed the pair met in Miami two years ago. Meanwhile, rumours are flying that Rihanna and Chris Brown made a sex tape, femalefirst.co.uk adds.

The pair are said to have filmed themselves engaging in a series of "kinky" acts.

A source told Star magazine: "Chris and Rihanna enjoy an aggressive love life that would shock many people. Rihanna loves dressing up — including as a dominatrix — and role playing. They both have kinky sides."

The source added: "Rihanna has no issues with her sexuality. She can be really out there. But she'd be mortified if her friends and family found this out.

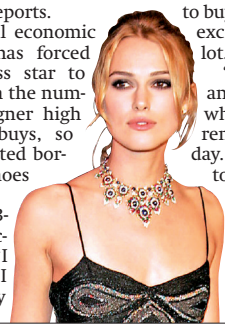
"Rihanna isn't always the little goody-two-shoes everyone thinks she is, and Chris doesn't want or need another scandal."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Keira's recession tip

PEOPLE Keira Knightley rents shoes to satisfy her footwear fetish, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The global economic downturn has forced The Duchess star to cut down on the number of designer high heels she buys, so she has started borrowing shoes instead.



The 23-year-old actress said: "I think when I was very young and I suddenly started earning a bit of money and I could actually afford to buy shoes, I got very excited and bought a lot. I mean a lot!

"I haven't bought any in quite a while. Now I just rent them for the day. They give them to me for the day and I give them back in the evening, which is good."

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Lindsay's career revival not at top of Seth's list

CAREER Seth Rogen is refusing to return Lindsay Lohan's calls.

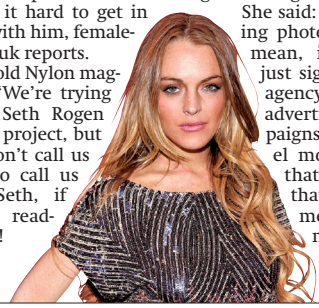
The 22-year-old is keen to revive her acting career by working with the Knocked Up actor, but is finding it hard to get in touch with him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

She told Nylon magazine: "We're trying to get Seth Rogen for this project, but Seth won't call us back. So call us back, Seth, if you're reading this!

"I'm talking to lots of people. One is Sean Penn — I spoke to him again the other day."

If she struggles to land any roles, Lindsay may pursue other avenues including modelling.

She said: "I love doing photo shoots. I mean, if I could just sign with an agency and do advertising campaigns and model more, I'd do that because that's fun for me. That's not work."



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Kelly's struggle with painkillers

PEOPLE Kelly Osbourne says she would have died if she hadn't gone to rehab, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The TV star, who spent a month in a U.S. treatment facility in January, decided to seek help after her addiction to painkillers spiralled out of control.

"I knew if I didn't get help, I would die. I'm getting a second chance at my career and I want to be present for it," she said, claiming it's the first time she's been sober since she was a teenager.

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GETTY IMAGES

Madonna wears the pants?

PEOPLE Madonna has banned her boyfriend from answering his phone in front of her, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 50-year-old singer argued with lover Jesus Luz, 22, after he took a call while she was in the same room, and has now restricted him to accepting emergency calls only.

A source said: "She just turned on him. She told him it was rude for him to take a phone call in front of her. He stood up for himself and they had quite a heated argument.

"Madonna agreed to let him answer the mobile when she's around, but only in emergencies.

"His family claims they always know when he's with her because they can't get him on the phone. And it's true. He'll see his phone ringing and he just has to let it go."

However, Madonna allows herself to chat away on her phone whenever she wants.

The source added to Britain's Daily Mail newspaper: "If her phone rings and she wants to take the call, she'll do it. This is not a relationship of equals."

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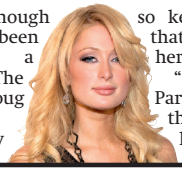
Paris' new fling hears wedding bells

PEOPLE Although they've only been dating for a month, The Hills star Doug Reinhardt is reportedly so keen on Paris Hilton that he plans on asking her to marry him.



"Doug is smitten with Paris and wants to spend the rest of his life with her," a source says, according to Germany's Bild. "He's already found the perfect ring, asked her father for permission and is now waiting for the right time to pop the question."

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Ford and Flockhart make it official

PEOPLE Harrison Ford reportedly proposed to his girlfriend of seven years, Calista Flockhart, last month, according to People Magazine. Ford reportedly gave Flockhart a glitzy diamond engagement ring while on a family vacation with her son, Liam, over Valentine's Day weekend.

It was previously reported that the couple recently filled out the necessary paperwork for a marriage license.

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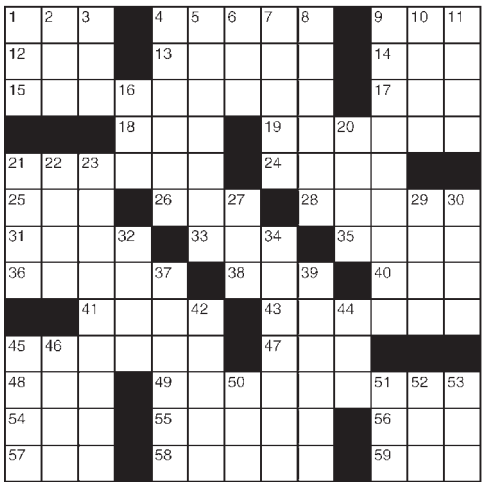

Crossword across

1 Some time —
4 Aesopian story
9 Bribe
12 Violinist's need
13 Forcefully
14 Mine output
15 Lawyer, in the U.K.
17 Confederacy leader
18 Opposite of "trans-"
19 Idea
21 Missing
24 Hit with an open hand
25 Brazilian resort
26 Joke
28 Lascivious
31 Right angles
33 Poorly lit
35 Wear out
36 Cut corners
38 Talk and talk and talk
40 The Red or the Black
41 Dweeby type
43 Tenant
45 Maine city
47 Heavy weight
48 Previous night
49 Card game for recluses?
54 In medias —
55 Foolish
56 Conventual
57 Wife's address
58 Lukewarm
59 Homer's neighbor Flanders

Crossword down

1 Tummy muscles
2 Sticky stuff
3 Pussycat's partner
4 Up against
5 1839 mutiny site
6 Slugger's prop
7 They have their pride
8 Sign up
9 "Only the self exists" theory
10 Sandwich cookie
11 Hammerhead part
16 Capades locale
20 Lacking slack
21 War god
22 Swindle
23 Reliability
27 Showbiz job
29 Genealogy chart
30 Calendar quota
32 Urban blight
34 007's quaff
37 "Cheers"
39 Started a computer
42 Danish money
44 — rampage
45 Shoulder of a road
46 State with certainty
50 Stander's loss
51 Hostel
52 Regret
53 This clue's place, aptly enough

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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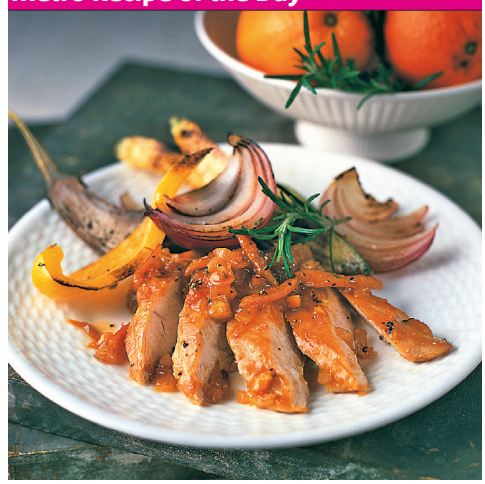
SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Skillet Chicken with Rosemary-Orange Sauce

CHICKEN INGREDIENTS:
2 tsp (10 ml) olive oil
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt

SAUCE INGREDIENTS:
2 shallots
1/4 tsp (1 ml) salt
1 1/2 tsp (7 ml) grated orange zest
1/2 tsp (2 ml) fresh rosemary, minced
1/4 tsp (1 ml) pepper
2/3 cup (150 ml) orange juice
1 tbsp (15 ml) orange marmalade
1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
1 tsp (5 ml) cornstarch blended with 1 tbsp (15 ml) water

METHOD:
1. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Sprinkle chicken with salt and cook until golden brown on one side, about 5 minutes. Turn chicken and cook until golden brown and cooked through, about 5 minutes. Transfer to plate and cover loosely with foil.
2. Add shallots to pan and cook, stirring, until light golden, about 3 minutes. Stir in salt, orange zest, rosemary, pepper, orange juice and marmalade and boil. Stir in lemon juice.
3. Stir in cornstarch mixture and cook, stirring, until sauce is slightly thickened, about 1 minute. Slice chicken and serve with sauce spooned on top.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Be proactive when dealing with a simple issue. Everybody can understand a definite decision. A bit of luck is followed by a move.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A big man wants to stay out of things. Solving a crime is up to you. A disappointed stranger gets in the way.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be flexible if offered different job duties. A younger friend in a bad mood is tiresome. Toss out stale ideas when dealing with the public.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
A miserable man seeks your help. Save money by buying a sale item. Don't be friendly to someone's little ogre.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
You'll hear an astounding statement. A creative thinker rushes into a bad situation. Others are on your side if times get tough.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Your convictions determine what you get. A man comes to perk everyone up. An excuse is discovered to be a lie.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A friendship develops with a spectator. Unexpected info causes the fulfillment of a dream. A swindler comes to your rescue.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Good plans are disrupted by smugness. A motivated person will be punished after an oversight. Speak softly and people will listen.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Scout around to find some good luck. A loan will be repaid. Asking questions will lead you to greater awareness.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone will turn heads at a meeting. Don't harass your relatives. Don't go to dangerous places.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Act fast to make your mark. Do not complain about a stranger. Someone bores you with banal chatter.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Respond quickly when someone is asking for help. Family problems will generate a guilty look. A woman needs to talk things out.

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